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1. IN JULY 26 CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR AND POLCOUNSELOR, LIM BIAN KIE STATED THAT IN JULY 18 MEETING WITH ICRC DIRECTOR GENERAL NESSI HE HAD ASKED (A) THAT ICRC "NEUTRALIZE" MAY 4 BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING RESUMPTION OF VISITS TO INDONESIAN DETENTION CENTER, (B) THAT ICRC DROP PROPOSAL FOR TIMOR VISIT UNTIL DETENTION CENTER VISITING PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOLVED, AND (C) THAT ICRC REGIONAL DELEGATE PASQUIER BE REPLACED WITH MORE MATURE TEAM LEADER. LIM SAID NESSI HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS BUT EMPHASIZED THAT ICRC PROCEDURES FOR DETENTION CENTER VISITS MUST FIRST BE ACCEPTED BY GOI.

2. LIM SEES HIS TASK AS CONVINCING THE INDONESIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP THAT THE ICRC DOES NOT FALL INTO GROUP OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH USE PUBLIC PRESSURE TO OBTAIN THEIR ENDS BUT IS INSTEAD A SERVICE ORGANIZATION WHICH RESPECTS CONFIDENCES. HE WILL STRESS THAT ICRC REPORTS CAN ONLY BE SHOWN TO GOI AND THOSE GOI DESIGNATES AND THAT PRIVATE
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MEETINGS WITH PRISONERS SHOULD THEREFORE BE PERMITTED. AS FIRST STEP, HE HOPES TO TALK TO KOPKAMTIB CHIEF OF STAFF ADMIRAL SUDOMO THIS WEEK.

3. LIM HAD NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN INDONESIAN REACTION TO PESTALOZZI VISIT.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE NESSI UNDERESTIMATES ACTUAL
EFFECT OF BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT AND LONDON TIMES ARTICLE
HERE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, GOI LEADERSHIP TENDS TO
REACT EMOTIONALLY TO PUBLIC CRITICISM OF THIS SORT. LIM
HAS TOUGH ROAD AHEAD BUT IS HIMSELF FULLY PERSUADED THAT
RESUMED ICRC VISITS ARE VERY MUCH IN INDONESIA'S INTERESTS.
HE PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED OF HIS PROGRESS.
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